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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF US PACIFIC TERRITORIES IN
VARIOUS PACIFIC GROUPINGS

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1. AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES WITH CORNER OR OTHERS, REQUEST
YOU QUALIFY REFTEL COMMENT AS FOLLOWS.

2. USG IS ENCOURAGING TTPI AND US PACIFIC TERRITORIES
PLAY INCREASING ROLE IN SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL AFFAIRS,
NOT ONLY WITHIN SPC CONTEXT BUT ALSO WITH REFERENCE ANY
NEW REGIONAL GROUPINGS OR ASSOCIATIONS WHERE PARTICIPATION
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE UNDER MEMBERSHIP RULES
OF ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, THIS GENERALIZATION OBVIOUSLY
CANNOT APPLY TO ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS
IMPLIED REFTEL. MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER FACTORS, E.G. (A) ORGANI-
ZATION'S PROVISIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP BY NON-INDEPENDENT
POLITICAL ENTITIES; (B) WHETHER US IS MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION

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IN QUESTION; (C) APPROPRIATENESS OF ORGANIZATION IN TERMS

TERRITORIAL INTERESTS; (D) US CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.
FURTHER, MICRONESIA (AS TRUST TERRITORY) WARRANTS
CONSIDERATION DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF GUAM AND AMERICAN
SAMOA (AS US TERRITORIES WHERE US SOVEREIGN). AS
EXAMPLE OF DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, WE HAVE ENCOURAGED AND

ASSISTED MICRONESIAN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN ECAFE BUT
DO NOT CONSIDER AMERICAN SAMOAN OR GUAM ECAFE
MEMBERSHIP APPROPRIATE GIVEN RELATIONSHIP OF LATTER
TERRITORIES TO US. RUSH

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